

# Coffee Break

By Adeline Daley

One easy way to develop an inferiorty complex I have found, is to read the profound "Ask the Expert" columns which magazines and newspapers run on a variety of subjects — medicine, photography, gardening, bridge, travel, stocks and bonds, to name but a few.

The questions sent in are usually so clever you wonder why the letter writers bother to ask for information, when it appears they know as much (if not more) than the experts who attempt to answer them.

For instance, medical questions often read like a page out of A.M.A. Journal. "Dear Dr. — This morning my pulse read 70-75, temperature, 102.4, my red corpuscle count was down. I had nose pimples and was covered from head to toe with a red rash. This indicates to me all of the symptoms for the rare tropical disease, "Bongo-Bongo." Am I right?"

"Dear Patient — Your diagnosis appears correct. Would you mind doing a paper on it for our fall quarterly?"

Moreover, I'm always surprised that the gardening questions mailed in aren't signed. "L. Burbank," those on bridge, "C. Goren"; travel, "M. Polo," and finance, "B. Baruch." A typical letter to the camera editor will read as follows:

"Dear Sir — I have a single-lens Reflex S Camera with an f/1.9 Schneider-Xenon lens. Yesterday with my Synchro-Compur shutter I shot a picture at 1/500 speed and am wondering whether I should have used my f1/3.2 Cin-tar filter as well. Sincerely, Margaret Bourke-White."

"Dear Reader — Gosh, yes."

What chance would I have of getting an answer to a letter which would ask, "Dear Sir — I have a Brownie Star-Flash camera unit which cost me \$14.95. I just got back all the pictures we took on our vacation and was disappointed to find that only half of them turned out. Do you think I ought to get them developed at another drug store?"

I'm also fascinated by letters to the financial editor which begin: "I have a portfolio of Blue Chip stocks, including 200 shares of U.S. Steel, A.T. and T., plus an insurance annuity which pays a return of \$10,000 a month. Since I am retiring next month at the age of 32, should I invest some of the capital gains investments on a portfolio of preferred bonds, etc., etc."

But do you think the financial editor would publish this letter? "Dear Sir — The other evening while playing Monopoly with my kids I acquired both Park Place and Boardwalk which as you know is quite a coup. But since I was running out of cash, I mortgaged the latter in order to buy stock in Penn R.R. so that I could collect on that. Now, I'm afraid that I should have kept my hotel on Park Place because I eventually lost the game since my dice kept landing me on the wrong squares, mainly Oriental avenue and Water Works, controlled by my opposition. Your opinion, sir?"

"Dear Madam: I think you ought to start playing easier games with your kids, such as, "Clue," "Chutes and Ladders" and "Lotto."

## Barbecue A-Go-Go Set

Highlighting South Bay Hadassah's second annual "Barbecue-a-Go-Go," a chicken dinner will be set before guests and members in the garden of the home of Dr. and Mrs. Leo Schleissner of Rolling Hills on Saturday night, Oct. 1, at 7:30 o'clock. The meal, prepared by the group, will feature prized recipes and delicacies. Cocktails will be served.

Following the dinner, Miss Shirley Johns of Torrance will present a program of

musical comedy favorites. Soloist for the Los Angeles Music Bureau, Miss Johns has given concerts throughout Southern California. In the South Bay area she is known for her appearance in the Torrance Recreation Department's production of "Good News," as well as church soloist and her appearance before many groups. Two successive years, Torrance High School awarded her for her outstanding musical achievement, and she is the winner

of the Eagle's music scholarship. Miss Johns is currently a student at El Camino College.

Door prizes consisting of a five-piece silver-plated tea service and a two-day expense-paid vacation at the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas will be awarded.

Mrs. Samuel Gries of San Pedro is chairman of the affair. Reservations may be made by telephoning Mrs. Gries or Mrs. Harry Hyman of Redondo Beach.



I LIKE THIS ONE

Debating merits of favors designed to brighten patient trays are new officers of the Women's Auxiliary of California Hospital. The quartet was among leaders of the organization who met at the facility to chart a course for the coming year. Twin objectives of philanthropy and volunteer service were blueprinted by Mrs. E. A. Bigsby, president, and her board, including (from left) Mmes. Eugene Hoefman; Earl Granlund, 16910 S. Van Ness Ave., Torrance; Richard Newell and William Priebe.

## M. Pintarellis Honored On Silver Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Martino (Pete) Pintarelli, 1226 Teri Ave. were honored at a surprise reception on a recent Sunday afternoon celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary.

Hosts for the garden reception were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Dumont and son, Michel, former neighbors of the Pintarellis ten years ago in the Southwood area. Wedding bells and silver ornaments were used in decorating the home and patio area at the Pintarelli home.

Assisting the Dumonts in entertaining were Mrs. Leonard Hayes at the guest book and Mrs. Walter Evans at the gift table. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Cliff Williams and Mrs. A. Krauzer.

Relatives here for the occasion were Mrs. Pintarelli's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Edward Gamel of Los Angeles; her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Hayes and two children, Michael 15 and Mitchell 10, of Torrance.

Mrs. Pintarelli's son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Harrison and two children of Hayward had visited with the couple the week before the reception.

The anniversary cele-

## College Will Honor Director of Nursing

Mrs. Bernardine C. Clark, Director of Nursing at Harbor General Hospital, will be honored for her services to Harbor College at the college's second annual Convocation Friday, Sept. 23, at 9:30 in the college's athletic stadium.

Also being honored as an outstanding alumnus of the school is Joanne Eshelmann, a teacher at Stanford Ave. School in South Gate.

Both women will receive medals from President Wendell C. Black, naming them as friends of the college.

The formal Convocation, at the end of the first week of instruction will come all students back to school.

### Card Party Set By Auxiliary

Auxiliary to the Torrance Fire Department will sponsor a public card party tomorrow evening, Sept. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Torrance YMCA.

All popular card games will be played and there will be prizes for the high scores. Refreshments will be served. Persons wishing to attend are asked to call Mrs. Raul Rubalcava.



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## Yom Kippur Ball Slated Saturday Eve

Temple Menorah Sisterhood will hold a Yom Kippur Ball, Saturday, Sept. 24 at 9 p.m. at the Temple, 1101 Camino Real, Redondo Beach.

The proceeds of the Ball will raise money to buy equipment for the religious school.

The band will be Truman Harris. Chairman of the committee is Mrs. David Tanner. Her co-chairmen will be Mmes. Joe Weiss, Edward London. Many members of the religious school committee will cooperate with this endeavor to enrich their school.

A cake decorating contest will be featured by the Gardena Cactus and Succulent Society Friday, Sept. 23, at 8 p.m. The society's regular monthly meeting will be held at Prairie Recreation Center, 141st Street and Prairie Avenue in Hawthorne.

Trophies will be given to the members for the most original and beautifully decorated cakes. The cakes will then be auctioned to the highest bidder.

This month's plant table will be supplied by John Dooca and Addie Myckleby. Refreshments will be served.

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